

## Claims

1. A nitride semiconductor LED, comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a GaN-based buffer layer formed on the substrate;
  - $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  short period superlattice (SPS) layers formed on the GaN-based buffer layer in a sandwich structure of upper and lower layers having an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (where,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ );
  - a first electrode layer of an n-GaN layer formed on the upper  $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  SPS layer;
  - an active layer formed on the first electrode layer; and
  - a second electrode layer of a p-GaN layer formed on the active layer.
2. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 1, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured  $\text{Al}_y\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{N}/\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ), a double-structured  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS)  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ).
3. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 1, further comprising the undoped GaN layer or the indium-doped GaN layer on the GaN-based buffer layer.
4. A nitride semiconductor LED, comprising:
  - a substrate;
  - a GaN-based buffer layer formed on the substrate;
  - an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer formed on the GaN-based buffer layer;
  - $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  short period superlattice (SPS) layers formed on the undoped GaN layer or the indium-doped GaN

layer, in a sandwich structure of upper and lower layers having the undoped GaN layer or the indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (Here,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ );

a first electrode layer of an  $n^+$ -GaN layer formed on the upper  $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  SPS layer and containing a high concentration of dopants;

an  $n$ -GaN layer formed on the first electrode layer and containing a low concentration of dopants;

an active layer formed on the  $n$ -GaN layer; and

a second electrode layer of a  $p$ -GaN layer formed on the active layer.

5. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 4, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured  $\text{Al}_y\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{N}/\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ), a double-structured  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS)  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ).

6. A nitride semiconductor LED, comprising:

a substrate;

a GaN-based buffer layer formed on the substrate;

a first electrode layer of an  $n^+$ -GaN layer formed on the GaN-based buffer layer and containing a high concentration of dopants;

an  $n$ -GaN layer formed on the first electrode layer and containing a low concentration of dopants;

an active layer formed on the  $n$ -GaN layer; and

a second electrode layer of a  $p$ -GaN layer formed on the active layer.

7. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the dopant concentration of the  $n^+$ -GaN layer is more than  $1 \times 10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$ .

8. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the dopant concentration of the n-GaN layer is less than  $1 \times 10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$ .

9. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the dopant concentration of the n-GaN layer is  $1 \times 10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$ .

10. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured  $\text{Al}_y\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{N}/\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ), a double-structured  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS)  $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  laminated (Here,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ).

11. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, further comprising  $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  short period superlattice (SPS) layers formed on the GaN-based buffer layer in a sandwich structure of upper and lower parts having an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (Here,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ).

12. A fabrication method of a nitride semiconductor LED, the method comprising the steps of:

growing-up a GaN-based buffer layer on a substrate; forming  $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  short period superlattice (SPS) layers on the GaN-based buffer layer in a sandwich structure of upper and lower parts having an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (Here,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ );

forming a first electrode layer of an  $n^+$ -GaN layer containing a high concentration of dopants, on the upper  $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$  SPS layer;

forming an active layer on the first electrode layer; and

forming a second electrode layer of an p-GaN layer on the active layer.

13. The fabrication method of claim 12, further comprising the step of forming an n-GaN layer containing a low concentration of dopants, between the first electrode layer of the n<sup>+</sup>-GaN layer and the active layer.

14. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer is, using a MOCVD equipment, grown-up to have a 50-800Å thickness at a 500-800°C temperature and in an atmosphere having H<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> carrier gases supplied while having TMGa, TMIn, TMAI source gas introduced and simultaneously having NH<sub>3</sub> gas introduced.

15. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer is grown-up with a 5-300μmol/min flow rate of the TMGa, TMIn, TMAI source gas and a 100-700torr growth pressure.

16. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured Al<sub>y</sub>In<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x,y</sub>N/In<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>N/GaN laminated (Here, 0≤x≤1, 0≤y≤1), a double-structured In<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>N/GaN laminated (Here, 0≤x≤1), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS) In<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>N/GaN laminated (Here, 0≤x≤1).

17. The fabrication method of claim 12, further comprising the step of forming an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer on the GaN-based buffer layer.

18. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the dopant concentration of the n<sup>+</sup>-GaN layer is more than 1x10<sup>18</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>.

19. The fabrication method of claim 13, wherein the dopant concentration of the n-GaN layer is  $1 \times 10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$ .

20. The fabrication method of claim 13, wherein the n-GaN layer is formed with a semi-insulating layer.